

KSURSF Board Meeting

Call to Order:

Kennesaw State University Research and Service Foundation Board Meeting was held at 9:01 AM on June 11, 2019.

Attendees: Chairperson Dr. Pamela Whitten, Chief Executive Officer Dr. Kat Schwaig, Chief Operating Officer Dr. Phaedra Corso, Treasurer Julie Peterson, Assistant Treasurer Dr. Ron Matson, Board Member Nwakaego Nkumeh, Board Member Paola Spoletini, Board Secretary (non-voting) Carolyn Elliott-Farino. Others in attendance: Dr. Jonathan McMurry, Shannon West, Jaimie Ward, Madhavi Rajdev, Jonathan Coker.

Members not in Attendance:

Board Member Dr. Scott Nowak

Approval of Minutes:

Voted and Approved January 28, 2019 Minutes, motioned by Dr. Ron Matson, seconded by Dr. Julie Peterson, all approved, none opposed.

Approval of Secretary:

Voted and Approved Jonathan Coker as Board Appointed Non-Voting Secretary replacing Carolyn Elliott Farino effective June 11, 2019, motioned by Dr. Kat Schwaig, seconded by Dr. Ron Matson, all approved, none opposed.

Approval of Board Member:

Voted and Approved to renew Dr. Scott Nowak as Board Member for second consecutive term for one additional year effective July 31, 2019 – July 31, 2020, motioned by Dr. Paola Spoletini, seconded by Julie Peterson, all approved, none opposed.

Reports:

- Chairperson – Kennesaw State University elevated to an “R2” designated institution, doctoral university with high research activity, in revised 2018 Carnegie Classification of Higher Learning. Kennesaw State University was the first school in Georgia to host the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) on April 11-13, 2019 and was the largest in NCUR’s history. R2 Roadmap roll out by end of summer with vision of Kennesaw State University’s growth opportunities for next thirty years.
- CEO – Discussed next steps with Colleges/Deans: Undergraduate, Graduate and Research growth. Main pain point from colleges is infrastructure for processing Grants.

- COO – FY19 external funded Grant target is 9.3 Million, highest in five years! Goal is to increase external funded grants by 50% every year for next five years, to reach 45 million. FY20 Office of Research Budget increasing by 35% with approval to hire additional PreAward and PostAward Grants Manager. Organization chart update as the Grant Managers will report to Lynn Kirkland for business manager training, procedures and compliance with state policies with a dotted line back to Grants. Purchasing CAYUSE grant software to replace SmartGrant to improve Pre/Post and IRB infrastructure. FY20 will be our implementation year, rollout in summer 2020, with Carolyn Elliott-Farino training campus. Office of Research including Carolyn Elliott-Farino, Jonathan McMurry, Phaedra Corso and Evelina Sterling are writing an NIH proposal for Sponsored Program Administration Development Grant to promote STEM and Women in Science and could provide \$600,000 in indirects over three years.
- Treasurer – Dissolving SPARC, John Marshall is reaching out to SPARC Board Members to sign dissolving paperwork. Current calendar year, current IP expenses total \$15k due to being strategic with patents. In FY20, would like a monthly indirect report by colleges/departments. Strategic research vision is for KSURSF to “front” funds to get research started.
- Executive Committee – Nothing to report.
- Other Committee(s) – Nothing to report.

Old/Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report

New Business:

- Open Dean Position – Dr. Kat Schwaig will nominate a Dean to serve the current vacant Assistant Chief Executive Officer.
- External Representation – Dr. Phaedra Corso will seek external representation to serve on Board from companies and Georgia Research Alliance.
- Student Representation – Dr. Phaedra Corso will ask Dr. Mike Dishman, Dean of The Graduate College, for recommendations for a graduate student who will represent students on the KSURSF Board.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 AM.